GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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STOCK LIMIT FOR EDIBLE OIL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has takena decision to exempt the stocking ofimported edible oil from the stock limit asprescribed by the provisions of the EssentialCommodities Act, 1955; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and thereasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K. V. THOMAS)

(a): Imported edible oil has already been exempted from the stock holding limits vide central order issued by the Government under the Essential Commodities Act 1955.

(b) : The Central Order No. S.O.654 (E) dated 30.03.2011 on stock holding limits states as under:-

"if a wholesaler or retailer or dealer is able to demonstrate that part of his stocks in respect of pulses, paddy, rice, edible oils and edible oilseeds are sourced from imports, then they shall be excluded for the purpose of calculation of stock limits".The validity of this exemption with respect to imported edible oil has been extended upto 30.9.2013.